

**COUNTY OF MOORE  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**INFORMAL BID**

ISSUE DATE: February 25, 2021

**INFORMAL BID 2021-10**

TITLE: **Liquid Polymer**

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: **COUNTY OF MOORE  
Financial Services  
206 S. Ray Street  
Carthage, NC, 28327**

**Sealed Bids** will be received until **4:00 PM Tuesday May 4, 2021** from qualified vendors for Liquid Polymer for the County of Moore Water Pollution Control Plant. **For your convenience, a Bid Drop-Off Box is located in the lobby at 206 South Ray Street.** **A jar test must be completed prior to Monday April 12, 2021 Appointments to schedule a test may be made by contacting Jeremy Monroe at 910-947-4345. Vendor must confirm, (with Jeremy Monroe) and comply with COVID9 protective requirements prior to performing a test.**

All inquiries for information concerning the Bid shall be directed to:  
**Terra Vuncannon, Purchasing Manager  
PO Box 905  
Carthage, NC 28327  
(910) 947-7118  
[tvuncannon@moorecountync.gov](mailto:tvuncannon@moorecountync.gov)**

**Sealed Bids shall be provided to Terra Vuncannon; it is the sole responsibility of the vendor to ensure that its bid reaches the Financial Services by the designated date and hour indicated above.**

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(typed)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signed)

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. **Sealed Bid shall be submitted to the Issuing Department and include the enclosed Bid Form.** In order for a bid to be considered, it shall be based on the terms, conditions and specifications contained herein and shall be a complete response to this Informal Bid. The County reserves the right to make an award in whole, or in part, and to reject any and/or all bids, and to waive any informality in bids unless otherwise specified by the Bidder. The Bidder shall sign the bid correctly and bids may be rejected if they show omissions, alterations of form, additions not called for, conditional bids or any irregularities of any kind.
2. All labor costs, direct and indirect, shall have been determined and included in the bid. The cost and availability of all equipment, materials, and supplies associated with performing the services described herein shall have been determined and included in the bid. Do not include sales tax in bid figures. The County pays sales tax and will add this to your bid figures separately when invoices are paid. All price quotes shall include delivery to the delivery point, installation and set-up charges, as necessary. Goods shall be set in place ready for owner's use. All goods shall be new and of average quality. No remanufactured, refurbished or used goods will be accepted. Appropriate product information (e.g. brochures, catalog cuts, etc.) shall be included with the bid.
3. After the Informal Bid issue date, all communications between the Issuing Department and prospective Bidders shall be in writing. No oral questions shall be accepted. Any inquiries, requests for interpretation, technical questions, clarifications, or additional information shall be directed to Terra Vuncannon at the address listed on page one if this solicitation or via e-mail to [tvuncannon@moorecountync.gov](mailto:tvuncannon@moorecountync.gov). All questions concerning this Informal Bid shall reference the section and page number. Questions and responses affecting the scope of the goods will be provided to all prospective Bidders by issuance of an Addendum. **A jar test must be completed prior to Monday, April 12, 2021** **Appointments to schedule a test may be made by contacting Jeremy Monroe at 910-947-4345. Vendor must confirm, (with Jeremy Monroe) and comply with COVID9 protective requirements prior to performing a test. Questions must be in written format and shall be e-mailed to [tvuncannon@moorecountync.gov](mailto:tvuncannon@moorecountync.gov) no later than 10:00 am Monday, April 19, 2021. NO EXCEPTIONS.** All addendums pertaining to this Informal Bid will be posted to the County website at [www.moorecountync.gov](http://www.moorecountync.gov) within 24 – 48 business hours after the deadline for questions. **It is the bidder's responsibility to check the website for the addendums.**
4. The County will not be responsible for any oral instructions. Should a Bidder find discrepancies in, or omissions from the documents, or should be in doubt as to their meaning, s/he should at once notify the Issuing Department in writing, and a written addendum shall be issued. Acknowledgement of any Addendum received during the time of the bid shall be noted on the Bid Form in the spaces provided. In closing of a contract, any Addendum issued shall become a part thereof. **It is the Bidder's responsibility to assure that all addenda have been reviewed and, if need be, signed and returned.**
5. Bids will be examined promptly after opening and award will be made at the earliest possible date. The prices quoted must be held firm, and no bids may be withdrawn until

**90 days** after bid opening date. The County reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to ensure services/materials/supplies/equipment, as appropriate, conform to specifications.

6. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-131, “award shall be made to the lowest responsible, responsive bid or bidders, taking into consideration quality, performance and the time specified in the bids for the performance of the contract.”
7. The materials/supplies/equipment furnished under any resulting contract shall be covered by the manufacturer’s most favorable commercial warranty. Each Bidder shall plainly set forth the warranty for the goods in the bid. Operations and maintenance manuals for equipment shall also be provided, as appropriate.
8. All purchases for goods or services are subject to the availability of funds for this particular purpose.
9. The contractor shall not represent itself to be an agent of the County.
10. The General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, insofar as they apply to purchasing and competitive bidding, are made a part hereof.
11. The County of Moore is committed to creating and maintaining an environment free from harassment and other forms of misconduct that fundamentally compromise the working environment of the County. All contractors performing work/services at a County facility shall take all necessary steps to assure that none of its employees engage in harassment or intimidation relating to personal beliefs or characteristics of anyone on the County’s premises, including but not limited to, race, religion, age, color, sex, national origin or disability. Such harassment is unacceptable and will not be condoned in any form at the County of Moore. If such conduct occurs, the contractor will take all necessary steps to stop it and prevent its future occurrence. This policy shall be strictly enforced.
12. For all the work being performed under this Contract, the County of Moore has the right to inspect, examine, and make copies of any and all books, accounts, records and other writing relating to the performance of the work. Audits shall take place at times and locations mutually agreed upon by both parties, although the vendor/contractor must make the materials to be audited available within one (1) week of the request for them.
13. The Bidder agrees that it will not identify the County of Moore as a client in any other bid, resume, or informational brochure without first requesting and obtaining, in writing, the permission of the County of Moore Board of Commissioners.
14. All Bidders must complete and submit the Vendor Form with their bid package. This information will be used to create or update the County’s vendor file.
15. Bidders are cautioned that this is an informal bid, not a request for contract, and the County of Moore reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. It further reserves the right to waive informalities insofar as it is authorized so to do where it deems it advisable in protection of the best interests of the County.

16. Bids will be tabulated, evaluated and a recommendation presented to the County of Moore Board of Commissioners for their approval.
17. Any and all exceptions to the Specifications must be stated in writing, giving complete details of what is to be furnished in lieu of requested Specifications.
18. The County of Moore reserves the right to cancel and terminate any resulting contract, in whole or in part, without penalty, upon forty-five (45) days' notice to the Vendor(s). Any contract cancellation shall not relieve the Vendor(s) of the obligation to deliver any outstanding services issued prior to the effective date of the cancellation.
19. **Bids in one (1) original and one (1) copy will be received from each Bidder in a sealed envelope or package.** Each original shall be signed and dated by an official authorized to bind the form. Unsigned bids will not be considered.
20. Upon receipt by Moore County Financial Services, your Bid is considered a public record except for material which qualifies as "trade secret" information under N.C. Gen. Stat. 66-152 et. seq. After the Bid opening, your Bid may be reviewed by the County's evaluation committee, as well as other County staff and members of the general public who submit public records requests. To properly designate material as trade secret under these circumstances, each Bidder must take the following precautions: (a) any trade secrets submitted by a Bidder must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope marked "Trade Secret — Confidential and Proprietary Information — Do Not Disclose Except for the Purpose of Evaluating this Bid," and (b) the same trade secret/confidentiality designation must be stamped on each page of the trade secret materials contained in the envelope.
21. In submitting a Bid, each Bidder agrees that the County may reveal any trade secret materials contained in such response to all County staff and County officials involved in the selection process, and to any outside consultant or other third parties who serve on the evaluation committee or who are hired by the County to assist in the selection process. Furthermore, each Bidder agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County and each of its officers, employees, and agents from all costs, damages, and expenses incurred in connection with refusing to disclose any material which the Bidder has designated as a trade secret. Any Bidder that designates its entire Bid as a trade secret may be disqualified.
22. Bidder shall comply with the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act and shall provide for the payment of workers' compensation to its employees in the manner and to the extent required by such Act. In addition the Provider shall maintain, at its expense, the following minimum insurance coverage:

General Liability - \$1,000,000  
Auto Liability - \$1,000,000  
Umbrella Coverage - \$1,000,000

## SCOPE

The Moore County Water Pollution Control Plant requests quotes for the purchase of Liquid Polymer on an as needed basis. The average requirement is one (1.5) 250 gallon tote per month, although more may be required at times. The bid must be valid from July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022, with an option to renew for one additional year.

Bidders will be required to schedule an appointment with Jeremy Monroe (910-947-4345) for jar testing prior to April 12, 2021 at the Moore County Water Pollution Control Plant. Testing is to determine the vendor's appropriate product for our application. Testing must be performed to be considered a responsive bidder.

**Results from the most recent testing must be included with bid.** (samples will be pulled by chief operator)

Vendors should recommend their best product solution and provide written Jar test results for:

1. Waste sludge
2. Digested sludge
3. Suitable for both waste and digested sludge
4. For each product recommended vendor should provide written jar test results. AND A 5 GALLON PAIL OF RECOMMENDED PRODUCT FOR IN HOUSE ANALYSIS.
5. Vendor is to calculate for each product the amount of Polymer needed per pound (gallons) of sludge processed.
6. Vendor is to calculate and show the annual cost of each recommended product
7. All Polymer orders must be delivered within 7 business days of order request

**MOORE COUNTY  
LIQUID POLYMER  
BID FORM**

**Sealed bids** will be opened at 4:00 pm on May 4, 2021 in Financial Services, County of Moore, 206 S. Ray Street, Carthage, NC 28327. Bid opening will not be public.

Use this form only for submitting bids. In submitting your bid, keep in mind that any alterations, changes in bid format, etc. will make it difficult to evaluate bids. All items should be in the units, quantities, units of measurement, etc. specified. Do not submit alternates unless requested. The County of Moore shall reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

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**TOTAL COST LIQUID POLYMER PER POUND (including all cost – delivery fee, fuel surcharge, etc);**

Product Name Option 1; \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Product Name Option 2; \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Product Name Option 3; \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Responsive Bid must include:**  
**Testing Completion Results**  
**Signed Bid Form**  
**Notarized Non-collusion Affidavit**  
**Notarized E-Verify Affidavit**  
**W-9 Form**

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder), I am submitting a bid for Liquid Polymer. This Bid covers equipment, labor, materials and traffic control.

I certify that the contents of this Bid are known to no one outside the undersigned, and to the best of my knowledge all requirements have been complied with.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signatory Name/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signatory E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt of the following addendum is acknowledged:

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Addendum No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

State of North Carolina  
County of Moore

I \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

He/She is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the  
proposer that has submitted the attached proposal;

He/She is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached proposal  
and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such proposal;

Such proposal is genuine and is not a collusive or sham proposal;

Neither the said Proposer nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives,  
Employees or parties of interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded,  
conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly, with any other Proposer, firm or  
person to submit a collusive or sham proposal in connections with the contract for which  
the attached proposal has been submitted or to refrain from bidding in connection with  
such contract, or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or  
collusion or communication or conference with any other Proposer, firm or person to fix  
the price or prices in the attached proposal or of any other Proposer or to fix overhead,  
profit or cost element of the proposal price of any other Proposer or to secure through  
collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the  
County of Moore or any person interested in the proposed contract; and

The price or prices quoted in the attached bid are fair, proper and are not tainted by any  
collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Proposer or  
any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this  
affiant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Title

State of North Carolina  
County of \_\_\_\_\_  
Subscribed and sworn before me,  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

**Moore County E-Verify Affidavit**



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF MOORE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (the individual attesting below), being duly authorized by and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (the entity bidding on project hereinafter "Employer") after first being duly sworn hereby swears or affirms as follows:

1. Employer understands that E-Verify is the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law in accordance with NCGS §64-25(5).
  2. Employer understands that Employers Must Use E-Verify. Each employer, after hiring an employee to work in the United States, shall verify the work authorization of the employee through E-Verify in accordance with NCGS§64-26(a).
  3. Employer is a person, business entity, or other organization that transacts business in this State and that employs 25 or more employees in this State. (mark Yes or No)
    - a. YES \_\_\_\_\_, or
    - b. NO \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Employer's subcontractors comply with E-Verify, and if Employer is the winning bidder on this project Employer will ensure compliance with E-Verify by any subcontractors subsequently hired by Employer.
- Executed, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant  
Print or Type Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State of North Carolina

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, this the \_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

(Affix Official/Notarial Seal)

Form **W-9**  
(Rev. October 2018)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

► Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.  See Specific Instructions on page 3.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.  <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC  <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation  <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation  <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership  <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate  <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____  <b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  Exempt payee code (if any) _____  Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____  <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code		
7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

**Social security number**

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**or**

**Employer identification number**

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Certification</b>
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Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part III, later.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.